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Governor Appoints New Water Board Member

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Governor Dirk Kempthorne has appointed New Meadows Rancher Vic Armacost to serve on the Idaho Water Resource Board. He replaces Joe Jordan, who retired after 12 years on the Board.

While Mr. Armacost is new to the Water Board, his experience with water and water-related issues is extensive. For 32 years he worked as an engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers based in Walla Walla, Washington. During his time with the Corps, he worked with several past directors of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

A native Idahoan, Armacost is a graduate of the University of Idaho and holds a Masters Degree in Engineering from the University of California at Berkley. "The water issues we are facing are critical, and I hope my experience will help bring solutions to a lot of these problems," he said.

Mr. Armacost is a Republican. He will serve a four year term on the Water Board.